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January 11, 2007

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
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From: 
David E. Janssen
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STATUS - SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU REPLACEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

On November 20, 2006, my office provided a status report to your Board which stated that staff was reviewing a draft report from the Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding project close-out costs, including requested change orders from the general contractor and three consultants for the Sheriff's Special Enforcement Bureau Replacement Project at Biscailuz Center.

DPW's report indicates that the amount of work that was authorized by the Sheriff to proceed and the costs incurred by the general contractor, Simgel Construction Inc., and consultants MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., Kajima Associates Inc., and SCS Engineers, exceeded the contract and change order amounts that were previously approved by your Board and that the contracts have not been supplemented to accommodate the additional costs.

Based upon a full review of project documentation, DPW has concluded that payment of an additional \$1,375,000 to Simgel is appropriate for outstanding change orders and claims. DPW has also determined that payments to consultants MACTEC, Kajima, and SCS Engineers for \$67,401, \$412,000, and \$46,510 respectively, are appropriate and reasonable. The base contracts, however, will need to be supplemented in order to complete the proposed payments and to properly closeout the project.

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On January 30, 2007, my office, along with the Sheriff, will present recommendations to your Board regarding contract supplements, available funding sources, and proposed payments. We will also present recommendations on a corrective action plan for the management of Sheriff's Department capital projects to ensure future compliance with the County's project management and accounting policies.

I am available to discuss this matter with you at your convenience, or your staff may contact Jan Takata at (213) 974-1360 or Rick Cavataio at (213) 974-4267.

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